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Before any decision is made about the ACP, I ask the DEQ to IMMEDIATELY plan for at least 3 more public hearings along the proposed ACP corridor to address the economic development, health, safety and environmental concerns being raised, as well as claims and information submitted by the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP, LLC) since the close of the original comment period.

I would request that the State of NC take as firm a stance against the ACP as our governor has against offshore drilling. Both of these proposed projects would lock North Carolina into another generation of fossil fuel use, delaying the shift to more cost effective and cleaner energy sources, and the adverse impacts would greatly outweigh any benefits. This massive fracked-gas pipeline would run 186 miles through Northampton, Halifax, Nash, Wilson, Johnston, Cumberland and Robeson Counties. All of these counties except Johnston County have higher percentages persons of color than the state average and higher poverty rates! Hundreds of landowners and residents would be displaced or impacted, and would face increased risks. **Some of the most vulnerable residents of eastern NC will face most of the adverse impacts, with little or no chance of getting even temporary jobs, much less the long term economic development that ACP has claimed!** Finally, hundreds of vulnerable streams, wetlands and rivers will be degraded for a project that **isn't even needed**, as energy demand has been flat in the southeast for years, and is expected to remain so. Any additional energy demand can be more than met by safer, more cost effective, more job-creating renewable energy and energy efficiency installations.

Thank you for your consideration.

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